



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kirk Hogan
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Entitled: Methods and Compositions for Perioperative Genomic Profiling

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE
ACTION DATED JULY 8, 2003**

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The following communication is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed July 8, 2003. This communication is being filed with a Request for Continuing Examination and a four month extension of time. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.